GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the types of minerals found in the country, mineral-wise and location-wise; and

(b) the minerals of the country are the best and cheaper in the world?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): India produces 64 major minerals (minerals other than minor minerals defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957) including 4 fuel minerals, 10 metallic minerals and 50 non-metallic minerals spread over various states of India. The details of the reserves of these minerals are periodically published by the Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office of the Department of Mines in their publication `National Mineral Inventory`,copies of which are sent to the Parliament Library.

(b): As per the information furnished by the Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office of Department of Mines,iron ores, barytes, block mica, talc/steatite/soapstone, granites, marble etc. of Indian origin are much sought after minerals in the international markets which shows their superiority in quality. Currently India exports many minerals such as bauxite, chromite, coal, iron ore, manganese ore, limestone, granite, etc. which indicates that these are price competitive with other countries.